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Response to Restriction Requirement

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Isolation of probiotic bacteria can be carried out by those of ordinary skill in the art, following the principles and procedures described herein. Of 1097 colonies isolated from cattle feces and tissues, six gram-positive isolates and 24 gram-negative isolates were identified as probiotic bacteria. Eight of the isolates, 31-6, 47-10, 50-10, 58-9, 59-9 small, 59-9 big, 71-8 and 76-9 were better at inhibiting *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium DT104 or Newport. Therefore, the testing of similar numbers of independent isolates is reasonably likely to successfully yield probiotic bacteria. Probiotic bacteria isolates 31-6, 76-9 and 58-9 have been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 1080 University Boulevard, Manassas, Va. 20110-2209; under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, on October 23, 2003, and has been accorded the ATCC designation numbers PTA-5616, PTA-5615, and PTA-5614, respectively. The deposit will be maintained in the ATCC depository, which is a public depository, for a period of 30 years, or 5 years after the most recent request, or for the effective life of a patent, whichever is longer, and will be replaced if the deposit becomes depleted or nonviable during that period. Samples of the deposit will become available to the public and all restrictions imposed on access to the deposit will be removed upon grant of a patent on this application.